

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS, LABOR, AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

Call to Order: Chair Edward Buttrey, on March 9, 2017 at 8:00 AM, in Room 422 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Edward Buttrey, Chair (R)
Sen. Dee Brown, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Pat Connell (R)
Sen. Tom Facey (D)
Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R)
Sen. Daniel R. Salomon (R)
Sen. Jason D. Small (R)
Sen. Frank Smith (D)
Sen. Gordon Vance (R)
Sen. Gene Vuckovich (D)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Linda Keim, Committee Secretary
Jameson Walker, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 73, 3/3/2017; HB 145, 3/3/2017

00:00:01 Chair Buttrey

HEARING ON HB 73

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:11 Rep. Ryan Lynch (D), HD 76, opened the hearing on HB 73. Regulate certain air ambulance memberships as insurance.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:05:04 Abigail St. Lawrence, Montana Association of Christians
00:06:36 Jennifer Hensley, Pacific Source Health Plans
00:09:27 Bob Gilbert, Montana Aviation Trades Association
00:11:54 Sheryl Wood, associate director, Montana Association of Counties
00:14:12 John Maxness, owner, private air ambulance company, Helena

Opponents' Testimony:

00:17:02 Bob Biskupiak, deputy insurance commissioner, Office of the Montana State Auditor, Commissioner of Securities and Insurance (CSI)

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00:22:42 Scott Boulanger, Montana Air Ambulance Coalition (MAAC)
00:24:21 Clint Loss, Baxendale Fire Department
00:25:03 Aidan Myhre, Kalispell Regional Healthcare (KRH)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:28:20 Sen. Connell
00:30:28 Rep. Lynch
00:31:38 Sen. Connell
00:32:07 Mr. Biskupiak, CSI
00:32:10 Sen. Fitzpatrick
00:34:10 Rep. Lynch
00:35:52 Sen. Salomon
00:38:16 Rep. Lynch
00:38:36 Chair Buttrey
00:38:59 Rep. Lynch redirect
00:39:04 Sen. Vance
00:39:16 Sen. Facey
00:42:09 Mr. Biskupiak
00:42:35 Sen. Facey
00:42:49 Mr. Boulanger, MAAC
00:43:07 Chair Buttrey
00:43:19 Sen. Facey
00:44:03 Rep. Lynch
00:44:35 Sen. Facey

00:44:39 Ms. Myhre, KRH
00:46:32 Sen. Smith
00:48:25 Mr. Biskupiak
00:48:47 Sen. Fitzpatrick
00:49:27 Mr. Biskupiak
00:49:57 Chair Buttrey
00:50:23 Mr. Biskupiak
00:50:30 Chair Buttrey
00:52:21 Rep. Lynch
00:52:52 Sen. Facey

Closing by Sponsor:

00:53:49 Rep. Lynch
00:56:52 Chair Buttrey
00:57:13 Recess
01:05:29 Reconvene

Additional Testimony for HB 73:

01:06:01 Andrea (Andi) Brown, emergency nurse
01:09:53 Chair Buttrey
01:10:05 Sen. Facey
01:10:24 Sen. Vuckovich
01:10:49 Chair Buttrey

HEARING ON HB 145

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:11:02 Rep. Zach Brown (D), HD 63, opened the hearing on HB 145. Adopt NAIC model legislation regarding Annuities.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:14:09 Bob Biskupiak, Office of the Montana State Auditor, Commissioner of Securities and Insurance (CSI)
01:16:48 Bruce Spencer, Allstate Insurance Company, also speaking for Greg Van Horssen, State Farm Insurance Company
01:17:18 Jon Metropoulos, American Council of Life Insurers, American Insurance Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:17:45 Sen. Facey
01:18:29 Mr. Biskupiak, CSI
01:20:19 Sen. Fitzpatrick
01:20:49 Mr. Biskupiak

Closing by Sponsor:

01:20:56 Rep. Brown
01:21:47 Chair Buttrey

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 9:23 AM

Linda Keim, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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